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TAGS: PINS MOPS, ET

SUBJECT: OPERATION OF TRACT DELTA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10465 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCUSNAVEUR, COMNAVTELCOM, NAVCOMMSTA GREECE
FROM NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 26 AUG 75. H/W REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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OPERATION OF TRACT DELTA

1. CISCO PROJECT MANAGER AND OIC NCU ATTENDED 0830L MEETING WITH
GENERAL GETACHEW (MARSHAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR) CONCERNING SAME TOPICS
DUSCUSSED WITH GENERAL WORKU YESTERDAY. HE APPEARED TO ANSWER AND
DISCUSS TOPICS SINCERELY AND WITH SOME DEGREE OF CONCERN.

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. HELOS: EXPLAINED TOO MANY MEN WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SECURE
LANDING SITE ON EACH TRIP AND DID NOT WISH TO COMMIT THEM FOR THIS
PROJECT. HE SAID HE WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO SUPPORT A U.S. HELO IF
WE DESIRED TO BRING ONE INTO THE AREA. MY PERSONAL OPINION OF THIS
WOULD BE NEGATIVE. BASED ON THE FACT THAT HELOS, BECAUSE OF
CAPABILITIES TO COUNTER INSURGENCY THREAT, ARE PRIMARY
TARGETS FOR INSURGENTS.

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B. SWEEPING: CONCERNED WITH TIME INVOLVED TO SWEEP AND ONCE AGAIN

ADMITTED EQUIPMENT WAS INADEQUATE TO ENSURE SUCCESS. ALSO
SUPPORT WAS OFFERED IF WE COULD SUPPLY EQUIPMENT.

C. ESCORT: ESCORTS WERE OFFERED TODAY BY THE
GENERAL AT AN EXPECTED RATE OF ONE PER WEEK. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT ASK
FOR FEAR OF EMBARRASSING THE GENERAL, I ASSUME AT THIS POINT THEY
WILL GO FIRST.

D. PAVE ROAD: THE GENERAL MADE THREE PHONE CALLS DURING THE
MEETING TO START PEOPLE WORKING ON SUPPLYING US WITH A COST/TIME
ESTIMATE OF THE PROJECT.

2. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT IN EACH CASE COOPERATION/MEN WERE OFFERED BUT
WHEN DISCUSSING EQUIPMENT IT IS ALWAYS SUGGESTED WE BRING IN OUR
OWN. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS DONE TO HAVE US COMMIT EQUIPMENT OR THAT
THEY DO NOT DESIRE TO SUPPORT US BUT RATHER THAT THEY IN FACT DO
NOT HAVE THE QUIPMENT.

3. AMONG THE SEVEN U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVE THIS AM, TWO ARE
TRANSMITTER QUALIFIED AND ONE HAS OJT WITH 208U-10'S. I INTEND TO
SEND BOTH TO TRACT D AM OF 27 AUG. THE LUBE OIL PROBLEM IS BEING
INVESTIGATED TODAY AND IF REQUIRED WILL TAKE THREE BARRELS
OF LUBE OIL TO TRACT WITH SAME CONVOY.M ARRANGEMENTS BEING FINALIZED
FOR CONVOY TODAY. WILL ADVISE WHEN ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND
DEPARTURE TIME.

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